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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UNSC, RH  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: US-UK TACTICS ON RESOLUTION

1. AT MEETING WITH US THIS AM, UK MISOFFS INFORMED US THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED DURING OWEN VISIT THAT THE US/UK NOT ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATION OF ANY RESOLUTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEALING WITH AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. IN ANY EVENT, UKUN FIRMLY INSTRUCTED ALONG THESE LINES.
2. WE ARE NOT FULLY INFORMED OF DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER. WHILE WE WOULD AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AVOID A SC RESOLUTION AT THIS STAGE, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT ONE OR ANOTHER VERSION OF A RESOLUTION ON AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WILL BE TABLED AND PROBABLY CALLED TO A VOTE NEXT WEEK. BRITISH MISSION ALSO IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT A RESOLUTION IS UNAVOIDABLE. MISSION BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD SEEK TO AVOID THE TACTICAL ERROR WESTERN FIVE MADE LAST NOVEMBER IN REFUSING TO WORK WITH AFRICANS ON RESOLUTIONS UNTIL, FUELED IN PART BY OUR REFUSAL, A NEGOTIATING CLIMATE WAS CREATED IN WHICH DIALOGUE WITH THE AFRICANS BECAME EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

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3. THE STATE-OF-PLAY REGARDING DRAFT RESOLUTION ON AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IS TODAY STILL FLUID ALTHOUGH AFRICANS WILL TRY TO FIRM UP RESOLUTION AMONG THEMSELVES BY MID-DAY FRIDAY. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BEGIN ACTIVE DIALOGUE AND CONSULTATION WITH AFRICANS AND NON-ALIGNED ON A TEXT, WORKING EITHER FROM ONE NOW EXISTING OR COMING UP WITH ONE OF OUR OWN.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF WASHINGTON DIS-  
CUSSIONS ON THIS QUESTION IN LIGHT OF SITUATION  
DESCRIBED ABOVE.  
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